

# **GOVERNMENT POLICY: EFFECT ON AGRICULTURE IN THE 90'S**

**EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS  
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# **POLICIES OF CONCERN**

- **SOCIAL**
- **DEFENSE**
- **GENERAL ECONOMY**
- **AGRICULTURE**
- **OTHER**

## **VARIABLES AFFECTED BY GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY**

- **TAXES**
- **EXPENDITURES**
- **VALUE OF DOLLAR**
- **INTEREST RATES**
- **INFLATION RATE**
- **TRADE DEFICIT**
- **BUDGET DEFICIT**

## **VARIABLES AFFECTED BY AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

- **PRICES**
- **EXPORTS/IMPORTS**
- **FARM INCOME/EXPENSES**
- **GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS**
- **LAND USE**
- **CROP INSURANCE**
- **RECORD KEEPING**
- **INPUT USE**
- **FARM STORAGE**
- **CREDIT**

# ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL TWO VIEWS

- LITTLE CHANGE FROM '85 BILL
- RADICAL DEPARTURE
  - NOT A BILL
  - TARGET PRICES OPEN
  - DIVORCES POLICY/BUDGET
  - MONEY NOT DRIVER
  - KEEPS BILL IN USDA HANDS
  - KEEPS BILL ALIVE
  - INNOVATIVE
    - FLEXIBILITY
    - RESERVES
    - COMMODITY CONSISTENCY

# **ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **PLANTING REQUIREMENTS**
- **ACREAGE REDUCTION**
- **FARMER OWNED RESERVE**
- **CRP**
- **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**
- **LOAN LEVELS**
- **BASES**
- **YIELDS**
- **PAYMENTS**

## ENVIRONMENT/FOOD SAFETY CHANGE FARMING IN 90'S ?

- UNQUALIFIED YES
- DRIVERS  
WATER QUALITY  
FOOD SAFETY
- LIMITED NEXT FIVE YEARS  
LACK HARD DATA  
UNCERTAIN PRICE IMPACTS  
RESEARCH / EDUCATION
- IMPACT 1995-2000
- WILD CARD : DISASTER  
"ALAR" SCARE  
"POISON" WATER